

CRAWFORD CO. DIRECTORY	
COUNTY OFFICERS.	
Sheriff.....	Wm. McCullough
Clerk.....	O. J. Bell
Register.....	O. J. Bell
Treasurer.....	Wm. Woodburn
Prosecuting Attorney.....	J. O. Houghtley
Judge of Probate.....	W. Patterson
C. C. Com.	J. O. Houghtley
Surveyor.....	A. E. Newman
Coroners.....	W. M. Woodburn and F. E. Clegg
SUPERVISORS.	
Grove Township.....	Thomas Wakely
South Branch.....	Ira H. Richardson
Beaver Creek.....	T. E. Hastings
Maple Forest.....	P. Hankinson
Ironwood.....	A. F. Newell
Frederickville.....	Charles Johnson
Concord Plains.....	A. G. Wilson
Biltoe.....	Peter Aebel

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

M. E. CHURCH—Rev. T. Edwards, Pastor. Services at 11 o'clock a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school at 12 m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

GRAYLING LODGE, No. 338, F. & A. M., meets in regular communication on Thursday evening or cr before the fall of the moon. Transient members are fraternally invited to attend.

J. O. HADLEY, W. M.

A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

MARVIN POST, No. 210, G. A. R., meets the second Saturday and fourth Friday in each month.

O. PALMER, Post Commander.

J. C. HANSON, Adjutant.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

GRAYLING EXCHANGE BANK.

GRAYLING, MICH.

A general Banking business transacted. Drafts bought and sold on all parts of the United States and Foreign. Interest allowed on time deposits. Collections a specialty.

JOHN STALEY, JR., Proprietor.

MRS. T. W. MITCHELL & CO.,

MILLINER & DRESSMAKER.

GRAYLING, MICH.

GEO. L. ALEXANDER,

ATTORNEY AT LAW, ETC.

Fine Lands Bought and Sold on Commission.

Non-Residents' Lands Looked After.

ROSCOMMON. — MICH.

Will be in Grayling at J. O. Houghtley's office from Tuesday noon until Friday noon of each week.

MAIN J. CONNINE,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

GRAYLING, MICH.

J. MAURICE FINN,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Attends to all Professional Business, Collections, Conveyancing, Payments of Taxes, etc.

GRAYLING, MICH.

O. PALMER,

Justice of the Peace and Notary.

Collected, conveyancing, payments of taxes, etc., principal agent, real estate agent, attended to at Office on corner of Michigan and Peninsular Avenues, opposite the Court House.

GRAYLING, MICH.

F. F. THATCHER, M. D.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

GRAYLING, MICH.

Office and residence corner of Michigan and Peninsular Avenues.

G. M. F. DAVIS, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

GRAYLING, MICH.

W. A. WILD, Proprietor,

GRAYLING, MICH.

The Grayling House is conveniently situated, being near the depot and business houses, in newly built, and furnished throughout in first-class taste. Fine sample rooms for comfort of guests. Fine meals served at all hours.

Meals served at all hours.

E. F. RAYMOND,

TONSorial ARTIST,

GRAYLING, MICH.

Shaving and Hair-Cutting done in the latest styles, and to the satisfaction of all. Grayling, corner of Michigan Avenue and Railroad Street.

June 1st.

A. E. NEWMAN,

COUNTY SURVEYOR

GRAYLING, MICH.

Pine timber lands looked after. Correct estimates. Trees assessed and corrected. Surveying done in all its branches, etc.

July 1st.

O. J. BELL,

GRAYLING, MICH.

DEALER IN

FARMING LANDS.

Farms sold at reasonable prices and on terms to suit purchasers. Pine lands bought and sold. Rents correctly estimated. Taxes, etc.

July 1st.

J. R. McDONALD,

MANUFACTURER OF

Boots and Shoes,

GRAYLING, MICH.

Special attention given to fine sewed work. Repairing attended to promptly.

PHILIP MOSHIER,

PROPRIETOR OF GRAYLING

LIVERY STABLE,

GRAYLING, MICH.

FIRST-CLASS RIGS

To let all hours at reasonable prices. Hunting dogs supplied with complete outfit, including traps, guns, dogs, etc. Goldie furnished, and parties taken to the hunting grounds at low rates.

Crawford Avalanche

O. PALMER,

JUSTICE AND RIGHT.

Publisher and Proprietor.

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1887.

NUMBER 42.

VOLUME VIII.

DISCONTENT.

BY CELIA THATCHER.

There is no day so dark
But through the sun some ray of hope may
break.

We'll close to mark.

Who shut the portals fast,
And turn the key and let the sun into in,
To the world despoilt that comes throughin.
God's light shall reach at last.

We sight our daily joy,
Mark much of your vexations, thickly set
Our paths with thorns, and bring us back
At our gold's cold feet.

At such iniquity and turning, bain
Our impudent burdens that would weigh
Our aching shoulders down.

We've seen too many tears,
And sigh too sore, and yield up too,
As if God had not planned the way we go,
And counted out our years.

Can we not be content,
And lift our foreheads from the gloom, and trust,
Purifying Heaven's intent?

Now we have wealth and power,
Fame, beauty, all things ordered to our mind?
May, all these things thy happiness behind,
Adore the man, and, however,

The inimitable love, the bliss,
Appealing to the heart, the soul, the body,
With delicate touch, striving to reach and hold
Our hidden consciousness.

And see how everywhere
Love conveys, strengthens, helps, and saves us
All.

What opportunities of good entail
The man's life sweet and fair.

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The Avalanche.

O. PALMER, EDITOR & PROPRIETOR.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1887.
Entered at the Post Office of Grayling
Mich., as second-class matter.

POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Democratic County Convention.
Notice is hereby given that a Democratic County Convention to elect delegates to the State Convention, for the nomination of Justice of the Supreme Court, will be held at the Court House in Grayling, Thursday, Feb. 17th, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

J. O. HADLEY,
Chairman Co. Committee

Republican County Convention.
The republicans of Crawford county will meet in convention by the delegates elected by townships on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a delegate to the State convention to be held in Detroit, Feb. 23. Townships will be entitled to the same representation as at last convention.

O. PALMER,

Chairman Co. Com.

W. A. MASTERS,

Secretary.

The United States senate has passed the bill to refund all monies collected under the Act of August 5, '81. About \$20,000.00 will be paid out should the bill become a law and Michigan will get \$30,000.

W. B. Hazen Post, G. A. R., will hold his next meeting on Saturday evening, Feb. 12. Four new recruits will be mustered in. A full attendance is requested.—*Ogemaw Times*.

The Tennessee Senate on last Friday agreed to the submission to a popular vote of a prohibition amendment to the constitution, there being but 2 votes in opposition.—*Blade*.

The proposed railroad from Charlevoix to Grayling is assuming definite shape and the citizens of Bellaire, Kalkaska and Mancelona are eagerly battling for the location of the route.—*Bay City Tribune*.

The bonds of Mrs. R. Strunk as postmistress were sent to Washington last week. We understand Messrs. Mitchell, Walborn, Fox and Sickles were on some of the bondsmen.—*Olsego Co. Herald*.

A dispatch from Mancelona to the Grand Rapids Democrat, Jan. 31, relates the advantages to accrue to the D. C. & E. R. R. if a crossing is made at that place. The new boundary of Mancelona is an important boundary of importance.—*Charlevoix Journal*.

The bill to add another judge to the bench of the supreme court has passed both houses and needs only the governor's signature to become a law. Two judges therefore will be elected at the next spring election.—*Detroit Tribune*.

The Bay City Tribune says: "If we should have war G. Cleveland would be at the head of the army and navy of the United States. Under such circumstances it is not prudence the right course to pursue." Do not be alarmed, he will procure a substitute or cut for some neutral territory where his precious corporality will not be endangered.

A caucus of the republican members of the Pennsylvania legislature adopted an amendment to the constitution, to be submitted to the people, prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the state. The manufacture, sale, or keeping for sale, of intoxicating liquor for other purposes than as a beverage may be allowed in such manner only as may be prescribed by law.

Senator Evans has taken the first practical step towards providing some means of defense for the exposed sea and lake ports of the United States. He has introduced a bill for "the purchase of John Ericsson's destroyer and ten enlarged steel vessels of the same type for defending the harbors of the United States," appropriating \$112,900 and \$2,000,000 for these purposes respectively." Before adjournment congress should pass the bill. In a year or two at least the frontiers would not still be entirely helpless.—*D. J. Journal*.

Kentucky's greatest democratic editor, whose name is always Henry W. Watson, is still in Washington sending red-hot specials to his paper. He has not been able to discover the whereabouts of that Jeffersonian simplicity so much talked about there. On the contrary he finds anything but that. Let him tell his own story. Here is a part of it: "I have seen Washington under ten administrations, and I never dreamed that such arrant avarice and insolence as now prevail here were possible. I would not, as a self-respecting man, venture to enter any department where I am not personally known. This is true; it is the universal testimony of every democrat who has business with the government, and it is simply monstrous. Who can wonder that the administration has few or no friends in the press?"—*Detroit Tribune*.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICH.

—O—
ADJOURNED SESSION, JAN. 3, '87.

(Continued from last week.)

Building Fund.

Oct. 1, '85, Bal. forwarded, 281 81

County Treasurer's Account.

Oct. 1, To Bal on hand, \$ 7,195 32

Tax collected, 357 72

Cash refunded, M. L. Connine, 4 10

Ree from tax sales, 1,202 67

Instue fund, F. M. Richmond, 14 50

State from A. G., 2,636 55

Primary fund, 426 32

Grayling Lib. tax, 148 58

Library Fund, 10 00

Institute fund, 6 50

Tax Collected, 13 23

Abstract rent, 12 50

Tax collected, 507 67

State from A. G., 223 73

Library Fund, 27 00

Institute, 8 50

Tax Collected, 5394 63

Abstracts, 12 50

Institute fund, 6 00

Poor fund ref'd, 15 00

Priy fund state, 392 96

Tax Collected, 1,988 76

State A. G., 230 00

Tax Collected, 278 20

Library Fund, 8 00

State A. G., 1,423 45

Tax Collected, 609 27

Abstracts, 44 57

Tax rec: A. G., 12 50

Co. Tax A. G., 28 28

24,130 90

Oct. '85, By pd. co't ord'r, 403 35

Poor order, 85 75

" T. Muson, 368 81

Court orders, 814 45

Poor, 22 94

State, 82 23

Court orders, 418 07

Wa'ne co on k, 1,040 00

Poor orders, 29 22

Town S primary fund, 390 96

Court orders, 312 50

Poor orders, 51 85

Town Treas, 1,345 00

Con orders, 448 89

Poor orders, 33 50

Jur & Wit, 117 90

Town Tr, 1000 00

Institute fund order, 84 00

Court orders, 310 98

Jur & Wit, 122 40

Court orders, 1,300 09

Poor orders, 19 35

Wit & Jur, 41 10

Treasurer, 129 77

State, 294 31

Town Treas, 65 82

Court orders, 251 13

Poor orders, 182 08

Town Treas, 112 05

State Treas, 1,383 17

Court orders, 695 87

Poor orders, 105 58

Town Lib, 36 55

Court orders, 102 44

Jur & Wit, 220 00

Stufa Trfers, 229 98

Jur & Wit, 36 26

Town Tr, 163 00

Court orders, 7,193 00

State Tr, 140 79

Court orders, 1 50

balance for'd, 7,454 58

To balance forwarded, 7,454 58

error found in tax sales, 25 67

7,190 25

Oct. '86, Balance on hand, 7,460 17

Summary of Balances.

Maple Forest, 300 60

Frederie, 187 11

Grayling, 1,213 72

Grove, 424 75

Ball, 39 21

South Branch, 172 27

Center Plains, 375 95

Haver Creek, 95 49

Blaine, 61 80

Death Fund, 1 89

State of Michigan, 59 80

Contingent Account, 3,623 37

Poor Account, 543 25

Library, 27 00

Institute, 14 50

Building, 261 81

Balance on hand, 7,454 61

Summary of Balances.

Main J. Connine, was read:

Moved by Supervisor Jackson, that the communication be accepted and adopted.

Amended by Supervisor Richardson, that it be received and committee appointed.

Motion as amended prevailed.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen:—Among the matters spoken of yesterday as being ready to turn over to my successor, I mentioned the Land case now in the Supreme Court, but as I have been attending to this case since its appeal as a private Attorney, and not as a prosecutor, and as my successor knows nothing of the case, I have thought it best to retain the management of it; and will try the case in Supreme Court and do the best that can be done for the interests of the County, and towns interested, and will consider the bill submitted yesterday as part payment for trying the case.

A. E. NEWMAN,

F. L. HANKINSON, COM.

P. AEBLI,

(Concluded next week.)

of the Supervisors of Ball, Grove, South Branch and Maple Forrest, (the Town's defendants,) as a committee to shape a bond, and to whom I can report anything necessary to be acted upon.

Yours respectfully,

M. J. CONNIN.

Jan. 4, '87. Attorney at Law.

Moved by Supervisor Newman, that all official bonds (county), before being acted upon by the Board, be referred to the Prosecuting Attorney for inspection.

Motion prevailed.

The bond of O. J. Bell, Register in Chancery, was upon motion of Supervisor Jackson, approved.

On motion of Supervisor Hankinson the Board adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

—AFTERNOON SESSION, JAN. 4, '87.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, T. E. Hastings in the chair. Roll called. Quorum present.

The committee on County Buildings submitted the following report, which was upon motion of Supervisor Richardson, accepted and adopted:

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GEORGE HOMER,

PROPRIETOR OF

CITY MARKET,

SELLER IN ALL KINDS OF

MEAT, FISH AND

VEGETABLES,

Butter, Eggs, Lard, and Vegetables of

The Avalanche.

J. C. HANSON, Local Editor.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1887.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Salling, Hanson & Co's. Price List
(Corrected Weekly.)

Cats No. 2 white, per bushel, 40 cents.
May No. 11moy, per ton, \$14.00
Sawdust, No. 1, per ton, 23.00
Iron, per ton, 18.00
May flour, roller patent, per barrel, 5.25
May flour, roller mills, per barrel, 4.80
Process, per barrel, 3.00
Buckwheat flour, per barrel, 3.75
Extra Moss beef, per barrel, 2.75
Moss pork, per barrel, 1.75 new
Beefed lard, per pound, 9 cents.
Hans, sugar cured, per pound, 12 cents.
Breakfast bacon, per pound, 12 cents.
Clear pork, sides, per pound, 7.50 on &
S. C. pork, per pound, 7.25 cents.
Plate beef, per pound, 6 cents.
Dried beef, per pound, 14 cents.
Choco dairy butter, 20 and 35
Fresh eggs, per dozen, 25 cents.
O. S. Java, ground, per pound, 25 cents
Mocha, ground, per pound, 35 cents.
B. C. & Co's Mexican coffee per lb., 25 cents
B. C. & Co's Aracaba coffee per lb., 25 cents
Flint's Golden Rio, 25 cents per pound.
Teas, green, per pound, 20 to 25 cents.
Sugar, yellow, per pound, 25 cents.
Sugar, Extra C, per pound, 55 cents
Sucrose, refined, per pound, 65 cents.
Sugar, powdered, per pound, 8 cents.
Oil, olive white, per gallon, 19 cents.
Potatoes, per bushel, 50 cents.
Beans, hard pickled, per pound, 1.75.
Peas, green, per bushel, 1.75.
Syrup, sugar, per gallon, 40.25
N. C. molasses, per gallon, 60 cents.
Molasses, per gallon, 30 cents

Water white oil, 15 cents, at James.
J. Maurice Finn, is still in Washington. He's a stayer.

A full line of valentines at James.
J. M. Jones' mother, of Saginaw, is making him a stayer.

For Coal Oil at 15 cents per gallon, go to Salling, Hanson & Co's.

The Librarian has received 70 new books for the library.

Salling, Hanson & Co. have a new type-writer, but no one to operate it.

For covered sates, all sizes and prices go to James.

Valentines for Dudes and Dudes, Cooks and Cookesses, Maids and Maidesses, at Fourniers'.

Mrs. J. C. Evans and children left to-day for a short visit to friends in New York State.

Next Monday is St. Valentines Day. Go to James' for your comic valentines.

Chris Haller, of the Post Office, was made a citizen of the United States, last Tuesday.

Chief Shoppenagon's grandchild died yesterday morning. It had been sick all winter.

James has a supply of rutes for school children at a cent a piece.

Valentines depicting all the well-known characters of the day, at Fourniers'.

For embroidery rug patterns, yarn for embroidering purposes, or embroidery machines, go to James'.

DIED.—In Grove township, Feb. 1st, Albert, son of John and Mary Lecce, aged five years and five months.

A. E. Newman returned from Iosco and Alcona Counties, where he had been surveying for Pack, Woods & Co.

If your girl has snubbed you, return the compliment by sending her a snubbing valentine. She expects it, and Fournier will supply them.

Chris. Shipe, of Wolverine, a former resident of Grayling, was in town visiting friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ganfield, of Jackson, have been visiting her sister Mrs. John Lece, of Grove.

Remember the masquerade at the rink Feb. 22. Everybody is invited. Come and have a good time. Secure your tickets at the Post Office.

If you want to send your girl a valentine, and feel sentimental, go to Fourniers' Drug Store, and choose one from the largest stock ever brought to Grayling.

Circuit Court was in session this week, seven cases on the Calendar. Judge Tuttle made his usual call.

O. J. Bell has purchased a typewriter and will soon be prepared to furnish legal opinions and advice at low rates, as machinery lessens the cost of production.

Salling, Hanson & Co. have just completed an addition to their hardware room of 20x83 feet. This is a big improvement as it enables them to increase their stock, and show it to good advantage.

The Knights of Labor will give a social at their hall, over the Post Office, on Tuesday Evening, February 22d, to which all are invited. Further particulars and program will be given next week.

Fred Hosell, of Blaine, while working for C. A. Ingerson, week before last, cut his foot very badly. Dr. Thatcher stitched up the cut and he is doing as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Forbes, of Fentonville, old residents of Grayling, are visiting his brother and attending Court this week.

The passenger train, last Tuesday evening, was over two hours late. The delay occurred on account of a washout of a culvert between Bay City and Detroit.

Mr. G. H. Hicks received his instruments last week from Signal Officer Conger but they were all broken with one exception. They had been sent by mail when they should have come by express.

John Levine of South Branch, has, we are informed, taken the job of filling the ice houses of D. H. Matheson & Co., and A. H. Blanchard.—*Republican News*.

Ed. Hudson has thrown up his lumbering contract with Hanson & Co., as he was unable to get the timber out as soon as specified.—*Osego Co. Herald*.

Several cases of Diphtheria have been reported in the village. On last Friday morning—the eldest child of Mrs. Kelly died and was buried without any ceremony the same day, so as to prevent infection. All others affected with the disease have had it in a modified form.

WHY WILL YOU couch when Salling's Cure will give immediate relief. Price 10cts. 80 cts. and \$1.

SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY a positive cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria and Cancer Mouth For Sale by N H Traver.

Grayling is alarmingly healthy at present, and our physicians are turning their attention to other matters, medical and otherwise. One of them is doctoring pumps. See bill allowed by Board of Supervisors.

To the Public.

I have been asked many times if small amounts of money are taken on deposit. I answer, Yes! Any amount over one dollar will be received, and can be checked out by the depositor at any time. Deposit books and blank checks will be furnished free of charge.

Very respectfully,
JOHN STALBY, Jr.,
Prop'r. Grayling Exchange Bank.

THE REV. BRO. A. THAYER, of Bowens Ind., says: "God himself and wife owe our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE."

ARE YOU MADE miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizzies, loss of Appetite, Yellow Skins? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure. For sale by N H Traver.

A Detroit Capitalist, happening to be here during the Farmer's Institute became so thoroughly convinced of the future prosperity of Grayling that he invested in real estate, making a purchase of a nice residence lot of W. A. Masters.

The Board of Supervisors were in session this week, and for no other purpose, that we can see, than as to put the county to additional expense.

Maple Forest Jottings.

School closed in Dist. No. 1, Friday Feb. 4th. "This School has been taught five successive terms by Miss Flora Marvin, which speaks well of her merits as a teacher. Any Director wishing to employ a teacher would do well to secure her services.

Mrs. Ben Sherman is on the sick list.

Mr. Walter Leonard, had his foot badly bruised while loading logs at Kings' camp.

The road from Frederic to Buck's Corners was opened by W. H. Sherman and W. Smith, Feb. 3rd.

L. E. B.

FOR PRACTICISTS and LITERATE Complaint, you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure.

NASAL INJECTOR free with each bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. For sale by N H Traver.

Cheney Happenings.

Mrs. Barffell has been quite sick for some time past, but is now recovering.

Mr. Joseph Sewel has moved into his hotel again, and is prepared to accommodate the travelling public. He has also resumed his lumbering operations in Grove Township.

Last Saturday Wm. G. Marsh closed a three month term of school in Dist. No. 4, South Branch township.

Feb. 8, '87. W. G. M.

"HACKNETACK" a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cents.

SHILOH'S CURE will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis. For sale by N H Traver.

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The attempt that has been made to detach town 26 N. of Range 4 W. from Grayling and attach the same to Beaver Creek failed, as it ought to do, at the special session of the Board of Supervisors this week, but its failure at this time was not due to the cause which should have controlled it, but because of a legal error in the preliminary work.

We are at a loss to know what reason any citizen of Grayling could possibly have for signing a petition for such action, and at least two who did sign it claim that they did so under a misapprehension of the facts, believing that they were simply signing a petition for the opening of a highway.

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We understand another attempt is to be made in the same way but the action has already cost the county about a hundred dollars and we hope there will be no further foolishness of the kind, or cause to make citizens believe that there is a spirit of personal malice in it.

The closing lecture was given by Prof. McLeath on "Industrial Education." His theme was that this important branch of training was too much neglected in this country and

Farmer's Institute.

President Edwin Willets, Dr. M. Miles, and Prof. R. C. Kedzie, Lewis McLouth, W. J. Beal and H. J. Reynolds of the State Agricultural College and Board of Agriculture were in the city yesterday on their way home to Lansing from Grayling, Crawford county, at which place on Monday evening and Tuesday Farmer's Institute was held.

"We had a most interesting and instructive meeting," said President Willets to THE COURIER. "It was so the first Institute held north of East Saginaw," he continued, "and was called more especially for the benefit of those interested in the agricultural development of the plains, the vast sandy territory lying in Northern Michigan. The subjects presented were of practical every day life on the farm, a comparison of methods and exchange of experiences."

The committee of arrangements of the committee of arrangements of the institute was Messrs. A. J. Rose and O. Palmer, and both gentlemen did their duty well, looking after the comfort of visitors and guests in a manner that was very noticeable.

The institute opened at 7 o'clock Monday evening with prayer by Rev. W. H. James. The Grayling Glee Club rendered a pleasing selection, after which an address of welcome was delivered by the chairman. Additional music by the glee club preceded a lecture on "The Vegetable growths adapted to cold climates," by Prof. W. J. Beal, which proved very interesting and profitable. The Professor exhibited a number of charts, showing the growth of plants in various climates and soils, why leaves shrivel, veins contracted, etc., from drought or cold.

On Tuesday morning a number of papers were presented, each being followed by brief discussions. The subjects given were: "Grain raising on the plains" by Jacob Steckert; "Root Crops" by Thos. Lound; "Grass and Forage Crops" by J. G. March; "Corn," by N. H. Evans; "Small Fruits," by G. W. Love; "Plowing," by W. C. Johnson; "Live Stock," by Hubbard Head, and "Fruit," by Alex. Wayne. Mr. Steckert was not present at the meeting and his paper was read by the chairman. The writer gave valuable information on the subject of grain raising on the plains and presented statistics of the growth of wheat and other grain in Crawford county. His experience had been that the first crop on the soil was the best.

With the paper on root crops Mr. Lound made an exhibit of roots that with careful husbandry the soil could be made to produce as fine crops as other and more favored localities. The paper on grass and forage crops was also instructive.

Other papers read at the session developed the fact that the soil was firm and of good quality. Small fruits also thrive, and buckwheat yields a fair return for labor expended. Grass grows thick and sprouts early. One gentleman said his cattle always find sufficient forage after the middle of April. Fruit trees

it was shown, did not thrive well in nature, gives abundance, and thousands of means of enjoyment. We can desire no better when in perfect health, but how often do the majority of people feel like giving it up disheartened, discouraged and worn out with disease, when there is no occasion for this feeling, as every sufferer can easily obtain satisfactory proof, that Green's *August Flower* will make them free from disease, as when born. Dyspepsia and Liver Complaints are the direct causes of seventy-five per cent. of such maladies as Biliousness, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Costiveness, Nervous Prostration, Dizziness of the Head, Paroxysms of the Heart and other distressing symptoms. These doses of August Flower will prove its wonderful effect. Sample bottles, 10 cents.

TRY IT.

Teacher's Institute.

For Roscommon and Crawford Cos.

We have received the official notice from Prof. Joseph Estabrook, Superintendent of Public Instruction, regarding the State Teacher's Institute to be held at Grayling, commencing at 10 a.m. on Monday Feb. 21, and closing at 4 p.m. Friday Feb. 25. Teachers will bear in mind that the law allows those whose schools are in session at the time appointed for the Institute, to close their schools during its continuance, without forfeiting their pay for as many half days as they are in attendance at the Institute. No tuition or enrollment fee will be required, but there should be a large attendance as it will be of great benefit to those who are engaged in teaching.

The discussion which ensued was led by Dr. Miles, his remarks showing how the scientific principles of agriculture, as suggested by preceding speakers, could be, in his opinion, applied to the plains, and he made interesting comparisons with the lands under discussion, the plains of Belgium and the soils of other thickly populated portions of Europe, and described the various methods of fertilizing. Dr. Miles advised for the plains the breeding of small sheep.

At the evening session the glee club was again present and entertained the audience. A pleasing feature of the evening was the recitation by Miss Belle Carlson, a beautiful and accomplished young lady of Grayling, of Will Carleton's poem "The old farmer's experience with a bicycle."

The closing lecture was given by Prof. McLeath on "Industrial Education." His theme was that this important branch of training was too much neglected in this country and

the tendency was not to dignify labor. It had been the theory that doctors, lawyers and ministers should be finely educated without regard to the mental training of mechanics or artisan. He referred to the lack of accommodation at the Agricultural College for ladies, and expressed the hope that the Legislature would provide suitable buildings for them in the near future. Household affairs and political economy were the principle branches of education for women in these institutions for learning.

Hon. W. L. Webber of this city, made a short address. He said he had placed abiding faith in the future of the plains of Crawford county and other sections of North Michigan since 1872, when in company with Dr. Miles visited the lands in an official capacity.

Tarrying one evening on the bank of a stream Dr. Miles dipped up a quantity of the soil and placed it in a nail which he afterwards filled with water. Pouring this off, refilling the nail and again pouring off, repeating the process several times, it was found that only about a cup full of sand remained, thus giving evidence of the preponderance of soluble matter in the soil.

President Willets spoke of the bill now pending before Congress to appropriate \$16,000 for each State for the purpose of experiment in agricultural developments, and stated that if it passed it was probable a State farm would be located at or near Grayling.

A committee was appointed to draft a resolution recommending the Representative in the district to vote for and aid in the passage of the bill steps were taken to form a County Agricultural Society and the Institute closed.

—Saginaw Courier.

Nov. 18, t.p.

Blacksmithing.

I have opened a Blacksmith Shop in the Kelley building in Grayling, where I will do blacksmith work of every description. Horse-shoeing a specialty. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Nov. 11, m.s. OLIVER RENUE.

For Sale.

FOR SALE, that very desirable property, the G. L. & P. A. Hall, generally known as the Grayling Open House. This is the best public hall in the best town on the M. C. R. R. north of Bay City. It is 70 feet long and 32 feet wide and two full stories high, and centrally located. It would make a very desirable building for business purposes.

Apply to R. H. Hanson, Pres., or N. H. Traver, Secy., Grayling, Mich.

Jan. 18th '87.

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NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

At the Belmont residence on Fifth Avenue, New York, Raymond Belmont, a son of the millionaire banker, undertook to practice shooting in a gallery in the basement. His sole companion was a night watchman who was closing a door when Belmont suddenly sent a bullet through his own skull. The coroner pronounces the case one of pure accident.

Another of the boodle Aldermen of New York, named O'Neill, has been convicted of bribery in connection with the Broadway Railroad franchises.

Rebecca Buck, aged 35, who had been suffering from melancholy at home, was hanged herself at her home near East Hanover, Pa. Her mother, 72 years of age, was rendered insane by the act, and a few hours later hanged herself in the same place where her daughter's body had been found.

Nickerson & Co., the bankrupt shipping merchants of New York, owe \$2,000,000, of which \$800,000 is secured.

Three men walking on the railroad track at Hyde Park, Mass., were killed by the Providence steamboat train.

John De Leon, of New York, who styles himself an astrologer, recently convicted of kidnapping young girls to ship to Panama, has been sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment at Sing Sing at hard labor.

WESTERN.

A gas-well at Lancaster, Ohio, after nine months of patient work, yields a supply believed to be quadruple that required by the city. The drift was sent down nineteen barrels a day.

For being deposed from a pastorate at Lyons, Iowa, fifteen years ago, Father F. J. Sean has been awarded damages of \$20,000 against Bishop Hennessy, of Dubuque.

The business section of Minooka, Ill., was destroyed by fire, fourteen buildings being reduced to ruins. The loss is about \$30,000, well insured. The factory and warehouses of the Fond du Lac (Wis.) Furniture Company were burned. The loss is \$60,000 with no insurance. Fire swept away the Huron House, at Fort Huron, Mich. Four buildings were gutted at Helena, Mont., one man being burned to death and another badly injured. The mercury at the time of the fire registered 40 below zero.

In a fit of jealousy at San Francisco Andrew Fets killed his wife and committed suicide.

Miss Nina Van Zandt has just issued at Chicago the first copies of her book, entitled "A Spies Autobiography; His Speech in Court; Notes, Letters, etc." The covers are a bright red, and forty of the ninety-one pages are devoted to proofs of the anarchist leader's philanthropy and Miss Van Zandt's unselfish and unwavering affection. The preface, by the young lady herself, details at length the origin and growth of her tender affection, which resulted in her marriage by proxy, which has special notes in a postscript. Fifteen or twenty pages bear the Spies trade-mark and were written and edited by himself, making the labor of love a partnership arrangement. In the appendix is found an article entitled "A Lady's View of the Trial," which was refused publication by a Philadelphia paper, although subsequently used anonymously by the Knights of Labor. It is only at this publication that Miss Van Zandt admits the authorship. The hand of Spies is discernible throughout most of the book.

Trustworthily reports from the papers of Dakota and Wyoming are to the effect that there has this winter been no unusual loss of cattle.

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Armour they say they have found an avowed enemy to their cause, and in the hope of crushing him they have not only boycotted his firm throughout the country, but they now propose to treat similarly those wholesale and retail dealers who purchase and sell his products."

At a meeting of window-glass manufacturers, at Pittsburgh, the Eastern and Western organizations consolidated, perfected a pooling arrangement, and decided to at once advance prices 5 to 7½ per cent.

Now York Dispatch of Friday says: "The river front is practically in a state of siege. One thousand police have been called in reserve, at four different points. Patrol wagons have been stationed at each place, so that the whole force can be concentrated at a given point in a short time. The 1,000 men will handle many times that number of rioters."

"A thousand more are in reserve at police headquarters." Seven hundred men employed at the blast furnaces at Sharpsville, Pa., struck for an advance of twenty-five cents a day. An offer of a 10 per cent advance was refused. The miners at all the crucible steel works in Pittsburgh have made a demand for an advance in wages of 15 per cent. Five thousand men are interested.

WASHINGTON.

A deputy sergeant-at-arms of the United States Senate has been sent to Texas to lead a party of twenty-five witnesses who are subpoenaed in connection with the alleged political outrage which the Committee on Privileges and Elections is directed to investigate.

Following is a recapitulation of the debt statement issued on the 1st inst:

Bonds at 1 per cent..... \$ 730,900,000
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Refunding certificates at 4 per cent..... 13,930,320
Pennsylvania pension fund at 3 per cent..... 14,003,076
Pacific railroad bonds at 6 per cent..... 61,023,612

Principal..... \$1,129,610,402
Interest..... 7,660,070

Total..... \$1,137,270,512

DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY.

Principal..... \$ 7,310,922
Interest..... 7,663,855

Total..... \$ 7,614,117

Old demand and legal tender notes..... 346,783,341
Certificates of deposit..... 6,729,690
Gold certificates..... 105,665,107
Fractional currency (less \$3,576,534) estimated as lost or destroyed..... 9,056,974

Principal..... \$ 586,399,193
TOTAL DEBT..... \$1,735,310,925
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Interest..... 7,663,855

Total..... \$1,743,184,783

Less cash items available for reduction of the debt..... 270,034,024

Less reserve held for redemption of United States notes..... 100,000,000

Total..... \$ 370,034,024

Total debt, less available cash items..... \$1,362,152,623

Less cash in Treasury..... 27,763,787

Draft, less cash in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1887..... \$1,332,463,835

Decrease of debt during the month..... \$ 9,615,653

Available for reduction of debt..... \$ 105,665,107

Gold held for gold certificates actually outstanding..... 118,315,714

United States notes held for certificates of deposit, actually outstanding..... 8,720,000

Cash held for matured debt and interest unpaid..... 23,056,419

Fractional currency..... 3,500

Total available for reduction of the debt..... \$270,034,923

Reserve fund for reduction of United States notes, acts June 14, 1865, and July 12, 1882..... \$ 100,000,000

Unclaimed for reduction of the debt..... 5

Fractional silver coin..... 26,323,534

Total..... \$ 26,323,534

Total cash in the Treasury as of Jan. 1, 1887, the date of the statement of account..... \$ 450,820,422

Of the 140 clerks in the office of the Chief Signal officer, 120 have signed a petition to Congress expressing the opinion that the best interests of the Government would be subserved by transferring the signal corps of the army to the new Executive Department contemplated in House Bill No. 5163, and also urging that they be made civilians instead of enlisted men as at present.

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A *sensational* article in the Berlin *Post* entitled, "On the Edge of the Knife," caused a panic on the Paris bourse.

The Italian and Abyssinian troops were badly defeated by the Arabs in the Sudan. On receipt of the news the Italian Chamber of Deputies immediately voted \$1,000,000 to repair the disaster.

The Egyptian Government has raised the blockade of the Sudan and reopened commerce with that region.

A London dispatch states that Mr. Parson's malady is Bright's disease. In the event of his forced retirement Mr. Healy will probably succeed to the leadership of the Irish party.

The Russian Government has forbidden the exportation of horses. The French are purchasing in Russia large quantities of oats for the cavalry, and have chartered steamers to take them from the Baltic ports.

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

Cassius M. Clay has called the attention of President Cleveland to a published report that a cargo of Australian rabbits is on the way to our shores, and he gives warning of the ravages to be expected. The master was referred to the Treasury Department, and will be submitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

President Cleveland has signed the interstate commerce bill. The bill was in full accord with the opinion of Attorney General Garland, and it is very well understood to be in accord with the views of the Cabinet. A Washington telegram says:

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